IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Sean A. McCarthy

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Examiner: R. Yucel

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests a two-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the Restriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. §1.21 dated September 28, 1999.

Enclosed is a check which covers the appropriate two-month extension of time fee of \$380.00 based on large entity status. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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